CHEROKEE NATIONAL FOREST

Revised Land and Resource Management Plan Administrative Change Wilderness (Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018) August 2019

The 2012 Planning Rule, codified at 36 Code of Federal Regulations Part 219 (36 CFR 219) guides forest planning requirements for developing, amending and revising land management plans (219.7 and 219.13) for units of the National Forest System (NFS). The 2012 Planning Rule allows for corrections or adjustments to the Forest Plan using a process call "Administrative Changes." "Administrative Changes as defined by 36 CFR 219.13(c) in The 2012 Planning Rule is "... any change to a plan that is not a plan amendment or revision. Administrative changes include corrections of clerical errors to any part of the plan, conformance of the plan to new statutory or regulatory requirements, or other content in the plan (219.7(f))."

Administrative Change

On Wednesday, December 12, 2018, the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018, known as the Farm Bill was passed by Congress and signed by the President on December 20, 2018. The administrative changes to the plan prescription (RX) 1A – Wilderness include the following:

Sampson Mountain	approximately 2922 acres
Joyce Kilmer	approximately 1836 acres
Upper Bald River	approximately 9038 acres
Little Frog NE	approximately 336 acres
Little Frog NW	approximately 630 acres
Big Frog	approximately 348 acres
Big Laurel Branch	approximately 4446 acres

Total

Approximately 19,556 acres

Approval and Effective Date

This Administrative Change is posted online at the Forest's website: http://www.fs.usda.gov/land/cherokee/landmanagement. Administrative changes are not subject to the objection process (36 CFR 219.50).

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